



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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For I put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland for my chosen people to drink, the people whom I formed for myself, that they might announce my praise. (Isa 43: 21)

Eucharist

Main Church

Saturday: 12:05 pm, 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday Masses: 9:00 am (Family Mass), 11:30 am, 5:00 pm

Weekday Masses: 7:45 am (Communion Service), 12:05 pm
(All Masses are Wheelchair Accessible)

Sacraments

Please call the office for information about
Baptism, Marriages & other needs.

Sick or Hospitalized

Please notify the office of parishioners who are
ill or in the hospital so that they can be included
in our prayers or be visited.

New Parishioners

Welcome! To register, please stop by the office
and fill out a registration form or register online at
www.sfxavier.org

Staff

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Mission Statement



The Church of St. Francis Xavier, a
Roman Catholic parish in the Jesuit
tradition, strives to be a prophetic,
welcoming community, and an
inclusive witness to the presence of
Christ Jesus in our midst. Mindful of
our utter reliance on God, and need
for God's grace, we rejoice together
in our celebration of the sacraments
and proclamation of the Gospel.

As a people of hope, we commit ourselves through
prayerful and creative discernment to respond to
God in our time by: Being a respectful community
Where seekers and their questions are welcomed,
Where injustice is challenged, Where the poor, the
alienated and the marginalized find a home,
And where people are refreshed,
reconciled and renewed.

OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 10:00 am to 7:30 pm

Saturday: 11:30 am to 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am to 6:00 pm

NOTE: for Bulletin Notices and Space Requests send
e-mails to sfuentes@sfxavier.org

**Deadline for bulletin copy—all copy should be in the office
by 4:00 pm on Monday afternoon.**

**Confessions are offered
Saturdays from 1:00pm-2:00pm**

**To make an appointment for
confession please call Parish Office.**

**Note: You must be a registered parishioner for a
minimum of six months before qualifying for a
sponsor letter to be verified as a parishioner.**

Next Weekend Presider Schedule

Saturday, April 13th

5:00pm Vigil Mass: *Rev. Thomas Feely, SJ*

Sunday, April 14th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Thomas Feely, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Daniel Corrou, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Daniel Corrou, SJ*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us especially, remember those
who have asked for our prayers

Anita Ibarra Advincula, Joel Allegretti, Jesus Andaluz,
Michael Carroll, Dan Clarius, Christine Cioffi,
Kay Quinn Cohen, Jesús Dabu, Fr. Don Doherty, MM,
Moirá Egan, Isaac Falci, Kathleen Friel, Juan García, Ann
Grant, Kevin Hurson, Kathleen Kretchmer, Christopher
Nazareno, James Levaggi,
Deborah Maloney Locicero, Manny Lopez,
Robyn Luisi, Olha Oquinn, Marcy Parlow Pomerance,
Ernest Rossi, Raymond and Terri Sharpe,
Ava Sellitti, Anthony Sellitti, Sonia Serrata,
baby Paloma Solis, Edith Stewart, Michael Termini,
Phillip Traynor, Dr. Daniel Tynan, Carl Wassmann,
Liese Zilberleyt

Pray for the peaceful rest of all our beloved departed
parishioners and friends, especially:

Yi-Hsien Chiu, Phibeon Cobb-Small,
Eileen O'Keeffe, Jeff Stevenson, and Vincent Vella,
Rose Wohlstadter

We also remember all those who have been killed or
wounded through the violence of war. May all those
who have gone before us share the joys of eternal life.

**All prayer requests are listed for at least three
consecutive weeks. Please contact the parish office**

From the desk of Fr. Dan

This weekend is the five year anniversary of the murder of Jesuit Fr. Frans van der Lugt in Homs, Syria. I met Frans on many occasions when he would come to our house in Beirut, during cease- fires. He would return quickly once he had gathered the food and supplies he needed to continue to feed the hundreds of people he housed, or fed from the Jesuit community. For 50 years Frans lived with the people of Syria. He was intelligent, welcoming, and humble. Above all, as a man of prayer, he was radically free.

While under siege he housed the elderly, and disabled, Muslim and Christian alike. Frans ate the food they ate, and he shuddered under the same bombardments when the neighborhood was attacked. He was shot five years ago this weekend because he was a threat to the central narrative of all violence: That there exist people outside the parameters of God's concern. In deeds more than words Frans exposed the lie of that claim.

When the siege was lifted, thousands of Muslims and Christians made pilgrimages to the burial site of Frans, in the garden of the Jesuit community, to give thanks, and to draw strength from his courage and his freedom. People still make pilgrimages to his grave today.

His witness inspires the work of reconciliation and solidarity. It is slow work but it is the only way to expose the lie of hatred and fear.

The Jesuits in Holland made a recent video about Frans. The title on Youtube is "Frans van der Lugt SJ, 5 years after his death – his final message."

Frans is a wonderful Lenten example to all of us of the Gospel call to solidarity. Let us rejoice in the example of this amazing person as we continue our work of dismantling structures of separation and oppression, and realizing the radiance of God's Glory all around us!



THIS EASTER TAKE THE LENTEN CHALLENGE: FAST. PRAY. GIVE UP YOUR ENVELOPES!

We invite you to help us save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide Xavier with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes.

Online giving is **Simple**: Signing up with Faith Direct is easy, and you can manage your giving online, with a quick phone call, or with their convenient iPhone App!

Saves time: No more worrying about writing a check each week or finding envelopes every Sunday morning.

Good stewardship: Your electronic gifts make accounting more efficient and helps us use less paper. Plus, it lets our parish receive the donations our many ministries depend on even when you can't join us for Mass.

A "win-win" for both of us! Ready to sign up? Visit www.faithdirect.net & use parish code **NY406** for your enrollment or scan this code with your smart phone.

Thank you for supporting St. Francis Xavier!

Fr. Daniel Corrou, SJ



LENTEN PRAYER SCHEDULE

WEEKLY SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

MONDAYS:

ZEN SPIRITUALITY IN THE MARY CHAPEL
AT 7:00PM.

TUESDAYS:

IGNATIAN YOGA IN THE MAIN CHURCH AT
6:00PM.

WEDNESDAYS:

LENT AND EASTERTIME BIBLE STUDY IN
THE MARY CHAPEL AT 6:30PM.

WEDNESDAYS:

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION STARTING
MARCH 13TH IN THE MAIN CHURCH FROM
5:00PM-6:30PM

FRIDAYS:

STARTING MARCH
15TH STATIONS OF THE
CROSS AT 6:30PM.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

MONDAY, APRIL 15TH
PRIESTS AVAILABLE TO HEAR CONFESSIONS
FROM 3:00PM - 9:00PM.

PALM SUNDAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH ~ 5:00PM
SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH ~ 9:00AM, 11:30AM AND 5:00PM

WHAT WONDERFUL LOVE IS THIS? "THE SEVEN LAST WORDS"

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH ~ 7:30PM

HOLY THURSDAY:
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH ~ 7:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH ~ NOON

GOOD FRIDAY: SOLEMN LITURGY
OF THE LORD'S PASSION
FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH ~ 3:00PM

GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER
SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH ~ 7:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 21ST ~ 9:00AM, 11:30AM, 1:30PM

NEW AA MEETING AT CHURCH OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER! THURSDAY EVENINGS 5:30pm, Starting April 4th, 2019 HURTADO HALL

We are excited, and grateful, to be starting a new AA meeting at XAVIER!!

The SFX GROUP (the temporary name for now) will meet every Thursday night from 5:30-6:30 in Hurtado Hall.

PLEASE JOIN US and help us find a direction for this new meeting. We will seek input from the initial community who attends to decide what type of meeting it will be (open or closed, special interest or not, speaker or literature related...etc.)

PLEASE pass on this information to your friends and make announcements at other meetings that this new meeting needs support.

Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday!!

MIRACLE IN RWANDA: LIMITED ENGAGEMENT

April 4th-May 11th
The Lion Theatre 410 W 42nd St

Miracle in Rwanda is the story of a remarkable woman, Immaculée Ilibagiza, who miraculously survived the horrifying 1994 Tutsi genocide in Rwanda. Leslie Lewis and Edward Vilga have brought Immaculee's amazing story to the stage. Presented by the Magis Theatre Company and directed by George Drance, the true Miracle of Rwanda is not just a story of Immaculee's survival, but of her ability to forgive. For additional information, visit www.miracleinrwanda.nyc.

Travel: A Journey to Fatima and Portugal October 21-31 hosted by the Maryland and UNE Provinces of the Society of Jesus. This Jesuit trip includes visits to Fatima, Lisbon, Porto, Braga and more. **Price is \$3,679** per person incl. round trip air fare from New York, accommodations, sightseeing, and most meals. For more information, contact Jim Skurka at jskurka@jesuits.org or call 212-774-5548.



A ROYALE SUCCESS!!

We'd like to extend an enormous THANK YOU to everyone who attended the 'Casino Royale,' Xavier Mission's sixth annual fundraiser—it was a HUGE success! With the support of our ticket holders, sponsors, donors, raffle, and silent auction, the event exceeded our goal, **bringing in \$77,500!**

A huge thank you to our Board of Directors, especially our fabulous Event Committee!

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And thank you to all of our auction donors!

We look forward to seeing you all next year!





Interfaith Passover Seder

CELEBRATE THE DIFFERENCE IN UNITY: FAITHS, CULTURES, AND GENERATIONS TOGETHER.

Sunday, April 14th 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM
Hurtado Hall

Haggadah booklets for the event will combine traditional elements with a thematic discussion. The singing will combine Jewish songs, Christian hymns, and traditional niggunim—tunes with no lyrics. A delicious buffet will be served!

Cost: \$30 per person

Donations for Facilitators and Xavier Interfaith Committee are welcome!

To purchase tickets and for more information please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/interfaith-passover-seder-tickets-56940603879>

CATHOLIC LESBIANS MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH

6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

WEST ROOM

Professor Mary will discuss the 14th century frescoes of St. Catherine of Alexandria. “The Golden Legend” is famous for having converted pagan scholars to Christianity and for surviving torture upon a wheel fitted with metal teeth. Ultimately, she was beheaded, whereupon milk, not blood, poured from her wounds. Angels carried her body to Mount Sinai, where her monastery continues to be a pilgrimage goal. BYO cups (cups, utensils, plates, serviettes) and a snack or beverage to share. SFXWomen@aol.com; (929) 333-5011.

37th ANNUAL PAX CHRISTI METRO NEW YORK

Way of the Cross - The Way to Peace

“Jesus Calls us to Truth and Forgiveness.”

Friday, April 19th
47th Street at First Ave.
8:30am

Please join your Peace and Justice Committee and Thrive for Life Prison Project as we walk with hundreds of people in the largest public Christian peace witness in New York City. The Good Friday Way of the Cross is a modern-day enactment of the Stations of the Cross, praying for peace and justice on the streets of our city. The Walk will take place from 8:30 AM to noon on Good Friday, April 19th. We begin at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza (47th Street at First Avenue) and proceed along 42nd Street to between Eighth and Ninth Avenues, from just outside Holy Family Church to the vicinity of Holy Cross Church. Our group will present the 12th Station, Jesus Dies on The Cross, with dialogue on abolishing the death penalty.

RELIGION IN THE MOVIES, PART 1

A historical look at religious films from 1903 to 1933

Thursday, April 11th
in the Mary Chapel at 1:00pm

The Xavier Adult Group invites you to join us for a In-depth look at religion in the movies, part 1 from silent films thru 1933. Roy Schlemme, our movie expert, will show examples of movies with a religious theme and tell us the stories behind them. All are welcome. Popcorn included.

AIDS WALK NEW YORK 2019 Xavier Team

As a parish, we encourage as many individuals as possible to JOIN OUR TEAM and/or contribute whatever is comfortable. Visit the Team Page <https://ny.aidswalk.net/sfx>

Be sure to use the Church of Saint Francis
Xavier Team's Number, #1250

Scriptures & Announced Masses

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Isa 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; John 8:1-11.

FIFTH MONDAY OF LENT: Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:12-20.

7:45AM: ANTHONY DiCARLO (D)
12:05PM: JEAN MARCIN (D)

FIFTH TUESDAY OF LENT: Num 21:4-9; John 8:21-30.

7:45AM: DENISE SCHAFFER (L)
12:05PM: ANNE PATRICIA DUBITSKY (L)

FIFTH WEDNESDAY OF LENT:
Dan 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42.

7:45AM: ARICEL GARCIA & ARREN SALUDO (L)
12:05PM: STANLEY WALLESTEN (D)

FIFTH THURSDAY OF LENT: Gen 17:3-9; John 8:51-59.

7:45AM: ARIES SALUDO (L)
12:05PM: MARIE KRAUSE (D)

FIFTH FRIDAY OF LENT:
Jer 20:10-13; John 10:31-42.

7:45AM: ROSEMARY STEINBERG (D)
12:05PM: MARION MEROLA (D)

FIFTH SATURDAY OF LENT: Ezek 37:21-28; John 11:45-56.

12:05PM ANTHONY AND MARY PORTELLI (D)

PALM SUNDAY: Isa 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56.

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YOUR INTENTIONS BY CONTACTING THE
PARISH OFFICE AT 212-627-2100.**

XAVIER MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CLOTHING ROOM: 2nd & 4th Sundays, contact
Ann Mary: xmClothingRoom@gmail.com

FOOD PROGRAMS: Every Sunday soup kitchen and
2nd Saturday food pantry, contact
Christine: xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com

L-STEP: Spring and Fall semesters,
contact J: xmLSTEP@gmail.com

SHELTER: Every night, contact Jim: xmShelter@gmail.com

Ongoing Parish Happenings

ABILITY XAVIER: Celebrating persons with disabilities. Contact abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com

CATHOLIC LESBIANS: Ministry since 1993, meets 2nd Friday of each month, 6 p.m., West Room (offsite July & August), SFXWomen@aol.com (929) 333-5011.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP:
Contact Katherine Cleary, krcoff5th@netzero.com

THE ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY: promotes care for all of God's creation, and follows the message of Laudato Si. For more information refer to the link on the parish website under Outreach Programs or contact: SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com

FAMILY FAITH: Catechetical ministry for parents/guardians and children pre-K through 12th grade. Meets Sundays 10:00am, Mary Chapel. Contact Luz, LMDiaz@sfxavier.org

GAY CATHOLICS: Men meet in a caring and affirming environment on the first and third Fridays, 7pm Mary Chapel. Contact sfxgcgroup@gmail.com

INTERFAITH COMMITTEE: works toward ending religious discrimination and persecution, through prayer, education and other activities. Contact Jose Ramon, joseramonperezlopez@gmail.com

LITURGICAL COMMITTEES: See website or
Contact Luz, LMDiaz@sfxavier.org

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: To become a volunteer or arrange visits, Contact James Fox, sumiko120@nyc.rr.com, (212) 427-5070

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE:
Examines root causes of injustice and works towards a more just and sustainable world. Contact Tracey Tynan at xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com.

SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES: Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact Marie Bannister, mariebannister1@gmail.com or Gerry Moss, gerrymoss@gmail.com

THE WOMEN WHO STAYED: nurtures, empowers, calls forth and celebrates the emotional, intellectual and spiritual growth of women and men at SFX. For more information: TheWomenWhoStayed@gmail.com

XAVIER ADULT GROUP: Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact xaversharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com

THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE: Advocacy, support, and education to empower immigrants. For more information contact sanxnyc@gmail.com

XAVIER YOGA: Tuesdays at 6pm. Open to all levels. Contact Ko_ko@nyyogalife.com

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Spiritual, Service, and Social Activities for Xavier's 20's-30's. Meets every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 5pm Young Adult's Mass, in the West Room. Contact sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Contact Peggy & Paul schubertnyc@gmail.com